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Attorney Docket No.: PD-201129**AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS**

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claim 53 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, 22, 27-30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 42, 43, 46, 48 and 54 are currently amended, and claims 55 and 56 are newly presented.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for aircraft multimedia distribution, comprising:
a multimedia server provided within an aircraft of an airline; and
a multimedia communications network within said aircraft coupled to said multimedia server; and
wherein said multimedia server is configured to distribute, over said aircraft multimedia communications network, multimedia in-flight to a device of a passenger for ~~at least one of viewing, listening and purchasing~~ by said passenger, the multimedia being selected pre-flight via a web server in communication with the multimedia server.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia comprises one of streaming video, streaming audio, video for download, audio for download, software, games, digital literary works, data, sports statistics, trivia, encyclopedia information, served software applications ~~and~~ or graphical images.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said device comprises one of a laptop computer, a palmtop computer, moving pictures experts group (MPEG) audio layer 3 (MP3) player, ~~and~~ or a personal digital assistant (PDA).

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4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia communications network comprises one of an Ethernet communications network, ~~and~~ or an IEEE 1394 communications network.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia server is configured to distribute said multimedia in-flight to said device of said passenger via a network interface device coupled between said device of said passenger and said multimedia communications network.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein said multimedia is ~~one of~~ encrypted ~~and~~ or compressed, and
said network interface device comprises one of a custom device ~~and~~ or plug-in device configured to ~~one of~~ decrypt ~~and~~ or decompress said multimedia.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein said network interface device is one of proprietary ~~and~~ or specific to said airline.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia server is configured to distribute said multimedia in-flight to said device of said passenger via software device stored on said device of said passenger.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said multimedia is ~~one of~~ encrypted ~~and~~ or compressed, and
said software device comprises one of a custom software device ~~and~~ or plug-in software device configured to ~~one of~~ decrypt ~~and~~ or decompress said multimedia.

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10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said software device is ~~one of~~
~~proprietary~~ and specific to said airline.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia server is configured to
distribute simultaneously said multimedia in multiple streams to said device of said passenger.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said multimedia server is configured to
provide a menu on said device of said passenger for selection of one or more of said multiple
streams of said multimedia.

13. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
an airline server coupled to said multimedia server via a server communications network
and configured to transmit, over said server communications network, said multimedia to said
multimedia server.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said airline server is configured to
communicate with said device of said passenger via a passenger communications network to
provide pre-flight functions with respect to the in-flight multimedia distribution.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said passenger communications
network comprises the Internet.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein said pre-flight functions
comprise one of selection of said multimedia for in-flight distribution, previewing of said
multimedia for said in-flight distribution, and or downloading of a software device to enable said
in-flight distribution of said multimedia.

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17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein said software device is one of proprietary ~~and~~ or specific to said airline.

18. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said airline server is configured to communicate with said device of said passenger via a passenger communications network to provide post-flight functions with respect to the in-flight multimedia distribution.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said post-flight functions comprise organizing said multimedia for selection by said passenger.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein said airline server is configured to provide copies of said multimedia to said passenger on one of CD ROM, DVD and or video CD (VCD) based on a selection by said passenger.

21. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said airline server is configured to provide copies of said multimedia to said passenger via download to said device of said passenger based on a selection by said passenger.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia server is configured to store passenger-specific information relating to one of a multimedia selection history for said passenger and or demographic information for said passenger.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein said multimedia server is configured to distribute said multimedia based on said passenger-specific information.

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24. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein said multimedia server is configured to distribute passenger-specific advertisements included in said multimedia based on said passenger-specific information.

25. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein said passenger-specific information is provided to said airline as a new marketable asset.

26. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein said advertisements are provided to said airline as part of a co-marketing agreement.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for aircraft multimedia distribution, comprising:
providing a multimedia server within an aircraft of an airline; and
coupling a multimedia communications network within said aircraft to said multimedia server; and

distributing, via said multimedia server, over said aircraft multimedia communications network, multimedia in-flight to a device of a passenger for ~~at least one of viewing, listening and~~ purchasing by said passenger, the multimedia being selected pre-flight via a web server in communication with the multimedia server.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein said multimedia comprises one of streaming video, streaming audio, video for download, audio for download, software, games, digital literary works, data, sports statistics, trivia, encyclopedia information, served software applications and or graphical images.

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29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein said device comprises one of a laptop computer, a palmtop computer, moving pictures experts group (MPEG) audio layer 3 (MP3) player, and or a personal digital assistant (PDA).

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein said multimedia communications network comprises one of an Ethernet communications network, and or an IEEE 1394 communications network.

31. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
distributing, via said multimedia server, said multimedia in-flight to said device of said passenger via a network interface device coupled between said device of said passenger and said multimedia communications network.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
~~one of~~ encrypting and or compressing said multimedia,
wherein said network interface device comprises one of a custom device and or plug-in device configured to ~~one of~~ decrypt and or decompress said multimedia.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein said network interface device is one of proprietary and or specific to said airline.

34. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
distributing, via said multimedia server, said multimedia in-flight to said device of said passenger via software device stored on said device of said passenger.

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35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising:
~~one of~~ encrypting ~~and or~~ compressing said multimedia,
wherein said software device comprises one of a custom software device ~~and or~~ plug-in
software device configured to ~~one of~~ decrypt ~~and or~~ decompress said multimedia.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein said software device is ~~one of~~
~~of proprietary and~~ specific to said airline.

37. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
distributing simultaneously, via said multimedia server, said multimedia in multiple
streams to said device of said passenger.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:
providing via said multimedia server, a menu on said device of said passenger for
selection of one or more of said multiple streams of said multimedia.

39. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
transmitting, via an airline server coupled to said multimedia server via a server
communications network, said multimedia to said multimedia server.

40. (Original) The method of claim 39, further comprising:
communicating, via said airline server, with said device of said passenger via a
passenger communications network to provide pre-flight functions with respect to the in-flight
multimedia distribution.

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41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein said passenger communications network comprises the Internet.
42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said pre-flight functions comprise one of selection of said multimedia for in-flight distribution, previewing of said multimedia for said in-flight distribution, ~~and~~ or downloading of a software device to enable said in-flight distribution of said multimedia.
43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein said software device is one of proprietary ~~and~~ or specific to said airline.
44. (Original) The method of claim 39, further comprising:
communicating, via said airline server, with said device of said passenger via a passenger communications network to provide post-flight functions with respect to the in-flight multimedia distribution.
45. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein said post-flight functions comprise organizing said multimedia for selection by said passenger.
46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, further comprising:
providing, via said airline server, copies of said multimedia to said passenger on one of CD ROM, DVD ~~and~~ or video CD (VCD) based on a selection by said passenger.
47. (Original) The method of claim 39, further comprising:
providing, via said airline server, copies of said multimedia to said passenger via download to said device of said passenger based on a selection by said passenger.

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48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
storing, via said multimedia server, passenger-specific information relating to one of a
multimedia selection history for said passenger ~~and~~ or demographic information for said
passenger.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising:
distributing, via said multimedia server, said multimedia based on said passenger-
specific information.

50. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising:
distributing, via said multimedia server, passenger-specific advertisements included in
said multimedia based on said passenger-specific information.

51. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising:
providing said passenger-specific information is to said airline as a new marketable
asset.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50, further comprising:
providing said advertisements to said airline as part of a co-marketing agreement.

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54. (Currently Amended) A system for aircraft multimedia distribution, comprising:
means for providing a multimedia server within an aircraft of an airline; and
means for coupling a multimedia communications network within said aircraft to said multimedia server; and
means for distributing, via said multimedia server, over said aircraft multimedia communications network, multimedia in-flight to a device of a passenger for ~~at least one of viewing, listening and purchasing by said passenger, the multimedia being selected pre-flight~~ via a web server in communication with the multimedia server.

55. (New) A method for receiving multimedia, comprising:
accessing a multimedia server over a communications network within an aircraft;
displaying a menu of options corresponding to a plurality of multimedia;
selecting, pre-flight, one of the options for purchase of a corresponding one of the plurality of multimedia via a web server coupled to the multimedia server; and
receiving the corresponding one of the plurality of multimedia over the communications network.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the web server is resident within a data network that is different from the communications network.